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CLAIMS PROCESS WORKS IN THE GDR AND IN THE USA AND
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DESIRE TO MEET WITH SECRETARY VANCE DURING THE UN
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I. IT IS OUR CONVICTION THAT BOTH SIDES ALSO CAN MOVE FORWARD IN SUCH AREAS AS ACADEMIC, SCIENTIFIC, CULTURAL, AND SPORTS EXCHANGES. A START HAS BEEN MADE, BOTH ON THE OFFICIAL AND ON THE PRIVATE LEVEL; WE WELCOME SUCH CONTACTS AND LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING THE IMPORTANT DRESDEN EXHIBIT IN 1978. WE REGRET IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO IMPLEMENT SEVERAL OF THE PROPOSALS WE MADE FOR 1977 IN TERMS OF AMERICAN CULTURAL PRESENTATION IN CONFIDENTIAL

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THE GDR, AND HOPE THAT PROGRESS CAN BE MADE ON THESE PROPOSALS IN THE COMING MONTHS SO THAT THEY CAN BE CARRIED OUT IN EARLY 1978. EVEN BEFORE THEN, I HOPE THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS CAN MEET TO WORK OUT A CULTURAL AGREEMENT THAT WILL GIVE IMPETUS TO THE FUTURE EXPANSION OF OUR CULTURAL CONTACTS.

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